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## Guidelines Pertaining to Treatment of Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange and Ionizing Radiation

## VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

### Guidelines Pertaining to Treatment of Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange and Ionizing Radiation

**AGENCY:** Veterans Administration.

**ACTION:** Publication of Guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The "Veterans' Health Care, Training, and Small Business Loan Act of 1981" authorizes the Veterans Administration (VA) to treat veterans for disabilities which may have been caused by exposure to dioxins (Agent Orange) or ionizing radiation. The VA is issuing guidelines for use by VA physicians to assist them in making determinations in individual cases as to whether a disability may have been caused by such exposure. The guidelines are being issued to meet a specific requirement of the new Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 18, 1981.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Barclay M. Shepard, Special Assistant to the Chief Medical Director, (102), Department of Medicine and Surgery, Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 389-2241.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The "Veterans' Health Care, Training, and Small Business Loan Act of 1981", Public Law 97-72, authorizes the Veterans Administration to provide certain health care services: (1) to any veteran of the Vietnam era who while serving in Vietnam may have been exposed to dioxin or was exposed to a toxic substance in a herbicide or defoliant used for military purposes, and (2) to veterans who were exposed while serving on active duty to ionizing radiation from the detonation of a nuclear device as a result of participation in the test of such a device or with the American occupation of Nagasaki or Hiroshima, Japan, between September 11, 1945, and July 1, 1946.

The Act provides that the VA may not treat veterans for disabilities that are found, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Chief Medical Director of the VA, to have resulted from a cause other than exposure to dioxins or ionizing radiation.

These guidelines are being published under the authority of section 552(a)(1)(B) of title 5, United States Code. Pub. L. 97-72 uses the word "guidelines" rather than the word "regulations" and the legislative history indicates that Congress clearly intended that general guidelines be issued, rather than specific regulations. Accordingly, these guidelines are *not* being published as regulations under the authority of section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

Understanding that it was legally required that these guidelines be published in the **Federal Register** for public comment, Congress nevertheless requested that such comments be solicited. See Congressional Record, October 16, 1981, p. 11586. Accordingly, the VA is following this approach. When comments are received, they will be evaluated and, if appropriate, the guidelines will be changed. In any event, the VA anticipates republication of the guidelines after public comments are received.

In addition to publishing these guidelines in the **Federal Register**, we are instructing personnel at all VA medical facilities to provide a copy of such guidelines to all veterans seeking treatment for a disability under the authority of Pub. L. 97-72.

In accordance with Pub. L. 97-72, when a veteran seeks treatment under the authority of that law, the VA will require verification of qualifying service by official records. In the cases of exposure to dioxins or to other toxic substances in a herbicide or defoliant, verification of service in Vietnam during the Vietnam era (August 5, 1964—May 7, 1975) will be required. In the cases of nuclear test participants, claims of exposure to ionizing radiation will require verification by Department of Defense records. Verification of qualifying service with the American occupation forces of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, between September 11, 1945 and July 1, 1946 will be deemed to satisfy the requirements of exposure, not because all such troops were exposed to bomb-related doses of ionizing radiation, but because dose exposure information for these individuals is not available.

In accordance with congressional intent, a determination to furnish care under this authority does not establish that the condition for which medical care is provided is service-connected or affects in any way determinations regarding service-connection, including eligibility for compensation under Chapter 11 or for vocational rehabilitation under Chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code.

Interested persons may submit written comments, suggestions, or objections to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs (102), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 on or before February 1, 1982. Material submitted will be evaluated and considered in any future revision.

Pending issuance of final guidelines, these guidelines are adopted as stated below.

Approved: November 24, 1981.

**John P. Murphy,**
*Acting Administrator.*

**Circular 10-81-249**

**Veterans Administration**
*Department of Medicine and Surgery*
*Washington, D.C.*

November 18, 1981.

To: Directors, VA Medical Centers, Medical and Regional Office Centers, Regional Offices, Regional Offices with Outpatient Clinics, Domiciliary, and Outpatient Clinics.

Subj: Interim Guidelines for Implementation of Legislation Related to the Provision of Health Care Services to Veterans Exposed to Dioxins.

1. The "Veterans' Health Care, Training, and Small Business Loan Act of 1981" was signed into law on November 3, 1981. The Act, Pub. L. 97-72, authorizes the Veterans Administration to provide certain health care services, as described in paragraph 3, to any veteran of the Vietnam era (August 5, 1964-May 7, 1975) who while serving in Vietnam may have been exposed to dioxin or was exposed to a toxic substance in a herbicide or defoliant used for military purposes.

2. Health care services may not be provided under this law, for the care of conditions which are found to have resulted from a cause other than the specified exposures.

3. Health care services authorized under this provision are limited to hospital and nursing home care in VA facilities and outpatient care in VA facilities on a pre- or post-hospitalization basis or to obviate a need for hospitalization. Such health care services will be provided without regard to the veteran's age, service-connected status or the inability of the veteran to defray the expenses of such care. Veterans furnished outpatient care under this authority will be accorded priority ahead of nonservice-connected veterans and equal to former Prisoners of War who are receiving care for non-service connected conditions. Congress made it clear that this law provides for health care only, and that a determination that the veteran is eligible for such care does not constitute a basis for service-connection or in any way affect determinations regarding service-connection.

4. Each veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam and who requests VA medical care will be provided a complete medical history, physical examination and appropriate diagnostic studies in accordance with DM&S Circular 10-81-54, "Possible Exposure of Veterans to Herbicides During the Vietnam War." If such an examination has been completed within the prior six months, only those procedures which are medically indicated by the current circumstances need be repeated. Where the findings reveal a condition requiring treatment, the responsible staff physician shall make a determination as to whether the condition resulted from a cause other than the specified exposure. In making this determination, the physician should consider that the following types of conditions are not

ordinarily considered to be due to such exposure:

a. Congenital or developmental conditions, e.g., spina bifida; scoliosis.

b. Conditions which are known to have pre-existed military service.

c. Conditions resulting from trauma, e.g., deformity or limitation of motion of an extremity.

d. Conditions having a specific and well established etiology, e.g., tuberculosis; gout.

e. Common conditions having a well recognized clinical course, e.g., inguinal hernia; acute appendicitis.

5. On occasion, the responsible staff physician may find that a veteran requires care for one or more of the conditions listed in paragraph 4, but that the case presents complicating circumstances that make the provision of care under this authority appropriate. In such instances, the physician should seek guidance from the Chief of Staff regarding authorization for treatment. If treatment is so authorized, the reasons will be clearly documented in the medical record. Veterans who are not provided needed medical care under this circular may be furnished care if they are eligible under any other statutory authority.

6. The provisions of this circular will not exclude any veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam from being included in the VA's Agent Orange Registry Program as outlined in DM&S Circular 10-81-54, dated March 19, 1981.

7. These guidelines will be effective upon receipt. They will be published in the **Federal Register** for information and public comment. A copy of the pertinent guidelines should be made available to any veteran seeking care under this authority.

8. Following receipt of public comments, final guidance will be provided.

W. J. Jacoby, Jr.,

*Deputy Chief Medical Director.*

**Circular 10-81-250**

**Veterans Administration**

*Department of Medicine and Surgery*

*Washington, D.C.*

November 18, 1981.

To: Directors, VA Medical Centers, Medical and Regional Office Centers, Regional Offices with Outpatient Clinics, Regional Offices, Domiciliary, Outpatient Clinics.

Subj: Interim Guidelines for Implementation of Legislation Related to the Provision of Health Care Services to Veterans Exposed to Ionizing Radiation As a Result of Detonation of Nuclear Devices.

1. The "Veterans' Health Care, Training, and Small Business Loan Act of 1981" was signed into law on November 3, 1981. The Act, Pub. L. 97-72, authorizes the Veterans Administration to provide certain health care services, as described in paragraph 3, to veterans who, while serving on active military duty, were exposed to ionizing radiation from the detonation of a nuclear device as a result of participation in either the testing of such a device or the American occupation of Hiroshima or Nagasaki, Japan, between September 11, 1945, and July 1, 1946.

2. Health care services may not be provided under this law for the care of conditions which are found to have resulted from a cause other than the specified exposures.

3. Health care services authorized under this provision are limited to hospital and nursing home care in VA facilities and outpatient care in VA facilities on a pre- or post-hospitalization basis or to obviate a need for hospitalization. Such health care services will be provided without regard to the veteran's age, service connected status or the inability of the veteran to defray the expenses of such care. Veterans furnished outpatient care under this authority will be accorded priority ahead of nonservice-connected veteran, and equal to former Prisoners of War who are receiving care for non-service connected conditions. Congress made it clear that this law provides for health care only, and that a determination that the veteran is eligible for such care does not constitute a basis for service-connection or in any way affect determinations regarding service-connection.

4. Each veteran who participated in the testing of a nuclear device or who participated in the occupation of Hiroshima or Nagasaki, Japan, between September 11, 1945, and July 1, 1946, and who requests VA medical care will be provided a complete medical history, physical examination and appropriate diagnostic studies in accordance with DM&S Circular 10-81-99, "Military Nuclear Ionizing Radiation." If such an examination has been completed within the prior six months, only those procedures which are medically indicated by the current circumstances need be repeated. Where the findings reveal a condition requiring treatment, the responsible staff physician shall make a determination as to whether that condition resulted from a cause other than the veteran's exposure to ionizing radiation. Veterans who meet the other criteria of this circular and are suffering from cancer may be treated under this authority. Conditions other than cancer are usually considered to be due to causes other than exposure to ionizing radiation.

5. If the responsible staff physician finds that the veteran requires care for a condition other than cancer and also believes that the individual case presents complicating circumstances that make the provision of care under this authority appropriate, the physician should seek guidance from the Chief of Staff as to whether treatment should be authorized. If treatment is so authorized, the reasons will be clearly documented in the medical record. Veterans who are not provided needed medical care under this circular may be furnished care if they are eligible under any other statutory authority.

6. *Verification of Exposure.* If, upon examination, the veteran is found to require care under this authority, verification of the veteran's exposure must be made but should not delay initiation of appropriate care. The following information will be obtained from the veteran by the Medical Administration Service at the local VA medical facility:

a. Social security number;

b. VA claim file number (if any);

c. Current address and telephone number;

d. Date and place of birth;

e. Branch of service and military service number;

f. Military rank or rating at time of test;

g. Period of service;

h. Military unit to which the veteran was attached/detailed at the time of the test;

i. Military unit from which the veteran may have been detailed for participation in the test;

j. Date(s) and location(s) of the test(s);

k. Code name(s) of the operation(s) or test shot(s);

l. Whether or not the veteran was wearing a dosimetry badge.

In the case of a veteran alleging exposure as a result of participation in the test of a nuclear device, the VA medical facility will request verification from the appropriate VA regional office in accordance with procedures as outlined in Chapter 6, M-1, Part I. If the regional office has a record verifying the veteran's participation in such a test, a copy of this should be forwarded to the requesting medical facility for inclusion in the veteran's medical record. In the event that it does not hold such verification, the VA regional office, in order to verify exposure, will contact the Records Processing Center, St. Louis, Missouri, with the above information.

If participation in the test of a nuclear device is verified, the regional office will confirm this fact to the VA medical facility. In the case of a veteran alleging exposure resulting from participation in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, verification of unit assignment and location will be obtained through the appropriate VA Regional Office in accordance with procedures for similar types of verification as outlined in Chapter 6, M-1, Part I.

7. The provisions of this circular will not exclude any veteran who alleges exposure to ionizing radiation as described in paragraph 1 of this circular from being eligible for a medical examination as outlined in DM&S Circular 10-81-99 dated June 4, 1981.

8. These guidelines will be effective upon receipt. They will be published in the **Federal Register** for information and public comment. A copy of the pertinent guidelines should be made available to any veteran seeking care under this authority.

9. Following receipt of public comments, final guidance will be provided.

W. J. Jacoby, Jr.,

*Deputy Chief Medical Director.*

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48258 10-1-81 / FM broadcast station; changes in table of assignments; Marco, Fla.; reply comments by 12-14-81

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55125 11-6-81 / Revision of programming policies and reporting requirements related to public broadcasting licensees; order extending time for filing comments and reply comments; reply comments by 12-16-81

[Original documents published at 46 FR 43190; 8-27-81]

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

50975 10-16-81 / Addition to list of activities permissible for Edge Corporations in the U.S.; comments by 12-18-81

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

50977 10-16-81 / General Electric Co.; proposed consent agreement with analysis to aid public comment; comments by 12-15-81

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Food and Drug Administration—

56409 11-17-81 / Asparagus; standard of identity (final rule); objections by 12-17-81

Social Security Administration—

50756 10-14-81 / Federal old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled; payment to States for successful rehabilitation services; comments by 12-14-81

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Geological Survey—

56564 11-17-81 / Oil and gas operating regulations; discovery, development and production from onshore Federal and restricted Indian leases; comments by 12-17-81

Land Management Bureau—

51258 10-19-81 / National scenic trails; use of motorized vehicles; comments by 12-18-81

National Park Service—

55709 11-12-81 / Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida Indian Use and Occupancy Regulations; comments by 12-14-81

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Office—

56433 11-17-81 / Permanent State Regulatory Program, Iowa; comments by 12-17-81

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

56780 11-19-81 / Implementation of the Equal Access to Justice Act; comments by 12-21-81

LABOR DEPARTMENT

Employment and Training Administration—

50981 10-16-81 / Advance notice of proposed amendment of provisions on adverse effect wage rates for temporary employment of nonimmigrant aliens on Guam in occupations other than agriculture or logging; comments by 12-15-81

50982 10-16-81 / Advance notice of proposed amendment of provisions on temporary employment apprenticeship of nonimmigrant aliens on Guam in occupations other than agriculture or logging; comments by 12-16-81

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OFFICE

55917 11-13-81 / Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; open season to enroll or change enrollment; interim regulation; comments by 12-14-81

POSTAL SERVICE

53458 10-29-81 / Changes in handling of undeliverable-as-addressed mail; comments by 12-18-81

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

50786 10-15-81 / Reduction in the Windfall Benefit Annuity component; comments by 12-14-81

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

48943 10-5-81 / Financial information and statements, pro forma; presentation and preparation instructions; comments by 12-18-81

52382 10-27-81 / Proposed system of classification of smaller issuers for purposes of exempting them from certain reporting and other requirements; comments by 12-18-81

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

56434 11-17-81 / Revised procedures for Selective Service Regulations; comments by 12-17-81

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Federal Highway Administration—

45744 9-14-81 / Railroad-highway projects; comments by 12-14-81

Research and Special Programs Administration—

45652 9-14-81 / Definition of oxidizer; extension of comment period to 12-15-81

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau—

46347 9-18-81 / Distilled spirits, elimination of certain public use forms prepared by wholesale dealers and importers; comments by 12-17-81

46340 9-18-81 / Volatile fruit-flavor concentrates, reduction of the regulatory requirements on producers; comments by 12-17-81

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

56213 11-16-81 / United States Government Life Insurance and National Service Life Insurance; payment to decedent's estate; comments by 12-16-81

## Next Week's Meetings

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES**

50813 10-15-81 / Interagency Coordination Committee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-10-81

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES, NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

56523 11-17-81 / Humanities Panel, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-7 through 12-9-81

57377 11-23-81 / Humanities Panel, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-10 and 12-11-81

57377 11-23-81 / Humanities Panel, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-11-81

57657 11-24-81 / Literature Program, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-11 and 12-12-81

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION**

56486 11-17-81 / California Advisory Committee, San Francisco, Calif. (open), 12-12-81

55554 11-10-81 / Delaware Advisory Committee, Wilmington, Del. (open), 12-9-81

53736 10-30-81 / Illinois Advisory Committee, Chicago, Ill. (open), 12-8 and 12-9-81

56631 11-18-81 / New Jersey Advisory Committee, East Brunswick, N.J. (open), 12-9-81

57716 11-25-81 / Rhode Island Advisory Committee, Barrington, Rhode Island (open), 12-14-81

**COMMERCE DEPARTMENT**

International Trade Administration—

57335 11-23-81 / President's Export Council, DEC/ISAC Liaison Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-10-81

57335 11-23-81 / President's Export Council, Incentives/Disincentives Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-10-81

57335 11-23-81 / President's Export Council, Trade-in-Services Subcommittee, New York, N.Y. (open), 12-9-81

54790 11-4-81 / Semiconductor Technical Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-9-81

56000 11-13-81 / Semiconductor Technical Advisory Committee, Discrete Semiconductor Device Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-8-81

56000 11-13-81 / Semiconductor Technical Advisory Committee, Microcircuit Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-8-81

56000 11-13-81 / Semiconductor Technical Advisory Committee, Semiconductor Manufacturing Materials and Equipment Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-8-81

56635 11-18-81 / Telecommunications Equipment Technical Advisory Committee, Fiber Optic Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-10-81

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—

55554 11-10-81 / Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, Biloxi, Miss. (all sessions open): Scientific and Statistical Committee, 12-7-81; Shrimp Resources Subpanel, 12-8-81; Full council, 12-9 and 12-10-81

57104 11-20-81 / Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Philalelphia, Pa. (open), 12-9 and 12-10-81

57336 11-23-81 / New England Fishery Management Council, Danvers, Mass. (partially open), 12-8 and 12-9-81

56229 11-16-81 / North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Anchorage, Alaska (open), 12-6 through 12-9-81

57105 11-20-81 / Pacific Fishery Management Council, Portland, Oreg. (open), 12-10-81

**DEFENSE DEPARTMENT**

Navy Department—

57588 11-24-81 / Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel Advisory Committee Science and Technology Sub-Panel, Alexandria, Va. (closed), 12-9 and 12-10-81

Office of the Secretary—

57339 11-23-81 / DOD Advisory Group on Electron Devices, Working Group C, Arlington, Va. (closed) 12-10-81

51798 10-22-81 / Wage Committee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-8-81

48285 10-1-81 / Defense Intelligence Agency Advisory Committee, Panel (Soviet naval trends), Rosslyn, Va. (closed), 12-8 and 12-19-81

[Rescheduled at 46 FR 51798, 10-22-81]

53206 10-28-81 / Electron Devices Advisory Group, Working Group B (Mainly Low Power Devices), Arlington, Va. (closed), 12-10-81

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

57590 11-24-81 / Bilingual Education National Advisory Council, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-12 through 12-14-81

53027 10-28-81 / Excellence in Education, National Commission, Full Commission, Washington, D.C., 12-7-81

**ENERGY DEPARTMENT**

Bonneville Power Administration—

56859 11-19-81 / Expanded Regionwide Weatherization Program, Missoula, Mont., 12-7-81; Boise, Idaho, 12-8-81; Portland, Oreg., 12-9-81 and Seattle, Wash., 12-10-81 (all sessions open)

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

56040 11-13-81 / Preparations for the ITU 1983 Region 2 Broadcasting Satellite Service Planning Conference Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-11-81

56908 11-19-81 / Preparations for the ITU 1983 Region 2 Broadcasting Satellite Service Planning Conference, Inter-Service Sharing Subgroup, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-10-81

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Food and Drug Administration—

56052 11-13-81 / Blood Products Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-10 and 12-11-81

51035 10-16-81 / Technical Electronic Product Radiation Safety Standards Committee, Rockville, Md. (open), 12-9 and 12-10-81

National Institutes of Health—

57346 11-23-81 / Bladder and Prostatic Cancer Review Committee, Bladder Cancer Review Subcommittee, Boston, Mass. (partially open), 12-10 and 12-11-81

56055 11-13-81 / Board of Scientific Counselors, National Eye Institute, Bethesda, Md. (partially open), 12-7 and 12-8-81

57347 11-23-81 / National Arthritis, Diabetes, and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council, Denver, Colo. (open), 12-10-81

Office of the Secretary—

56911 11-19-81 / Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants Advisory Committee, San Antonio, Tex. (partially open), 12-7 and 12-8-81

**HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Environment and Energy Office—

57950 11-27-81 / Highland Springs Village II, Riverside County (Near City of Beaumont) California, Environmental Impact Statement, Beaumont, Calif. (open), 12-7-81

**INTERIOR DEPARTMENT**

Indian Affairs Bureau—

56057 11-13-81 / Commercial Harvest of Anadromous Fish on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, Calif. scoping meetings, Klamath, Calif. (open), 12-7-81; Crescent, Calif. (open), 12-7-81; Arcata, Calif. (open), 12-8-81; Hoopa, Calif. (open), 12-9-81; Pecwan, Calif. (open), 12-9-81; Orleans, Calif. (open), 12-10-81; Weitchpec, Calif. (open), 12-10-81; Happy Camp, Calif. (open), 12-11-81; Yreka, Calif. (open), 12-12-81

Land Management Bureau—

57762 11-25-81 / California Desert District Multiple-Use Advisory Council, Subcommittee, Riverside, Ca. (open) 12-10-81

54806 11-4-81 / Cedar City District Multiple Use Advisory Council, Cedar City, Utah (open), 12-10-81

56937 11-19-81 / Chevron Shale Oil Co., right-of-way, environmental impact statement on proposed shale oil project, Denver, Colo. (open), 12-7-81

54806 11-4-81 / Ely District Advisory Council, Pioche, Nev. (open), 12-9-81

53796 10-30-81 / Ely District Grazing Advisory Board, Ely, Nev. (open), 12-10-81

55568 11-10-81 / Grand Junction District Grazing Advisory Board, Glenwood Springs, Colo. (open), 12-11-81

51047 10-16-81 / Moab District Grazing Advisory Board, Moab, Utah (open), 12-11-81

[*See also* 46 FR 50615, 10-14-81]

50857 10-15-81 / Montrose District Advisory Council, Montrose, Colo. (open), 12-9-81

55154 11-6-81 / Montrose District Grazing Advisory Board, Montrose, Colo. (open), 12-10-81

55015 11-5-81 / Safford District Advisory Council, Safford, Ariz. (open), 12-10-81

56939 11-19-81 / Southwest North Dakota and McKenzie-Williams Management Framework Plans, Bowman, N. Dak., 12-8 and Mott, N. Dak., 12-10-81 (open)

Office of the Secretary—

53529 10-29-81 / Commission on Fiscal Accountability of the Nation's Energy Resources, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-10 and 12-11-81

National Park Service—

56508 11-17-81 / Golden Gate National Recreation Area Advisory Commission, Mill Valley, Calif. (open), 12-12-81

Reclamation Bureau—

53222 10-28-81 / Chikaskia Project, Wichita, Kans., 12-8-81; Caldwell, Kans., 12-9-81

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY**

57774 11-25-81 / Voluntary Foreign Aid Advisory Committee, Arlington, Va. (open), 12-9 and 12-10-81

**INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION**

56294 11-16-81 / Interstate Motor Carrier Study, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-8-81

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

Federal Bureau of Investigation—

56956 11-19-81 / National Crime Information Center, Advisory Policy Board, Tampa, Fla. (open), 12-9 and 12-10-81

**LABOR DEPARTMENT**

Labor Statistics Bureau—

56073 11-13-81 / Labor Research Advisory Council Committees, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-8 through 12-10-81

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

56522, 56523 11-17-81 / NASA Advisory Council, Aeronautics Advisory Committee, Transport Aircraft Informal Advisory Subcommittee, Hampton, Va. (open), 12-8 through 12-10-81

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

57377 11-23-81 / International Programs Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-10 and 12-11-81

57377 11-23-81 / Materials Research Advisory Committee, Executive Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-10 and 12-11-81

57378 11-23-81 / Mathematical and Computor Sciences Advisory Committee, Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-10 through 12-12-81

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

57658 11-24-81 / Decontamination of Three Mile Island, Unit 2 Advisory Committee, Lancaster, Pa. (open), 12-10-81

57380 11-23-81 / Reactor Safeguards Advisory Committee and Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-9-81

56684 11-18-81 / Reactor Safeguards Advisory Committee, Metal Components Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-8-81

57380 11-23-81 / Reactor Safeguards Advisory Committee, Nuclear Safety Research, Development and Demonstration Act of 1980 Subcommittees, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-9-81

57380 11-23-81 / Reactor Safeguards Advisory Committee, Nuclear Safety Research Program Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-9-81;

57381 11-23-81 / Reactor Safeguards Advisory Committee, Reactor Operations Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-8-81

57379 11-23-81 / Reactor Safeguards Advisory Committee, Reactor Operations Subcommittee, Regulatory Activities Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-8-81

**OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE, NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

57376 11-23-81 / Meeting, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-8 and 12-9-81

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57952 11-27-81 / Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-10-81

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

57403 11-23-81 / Shareholder Communications Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-10-81

**STATE DEPARTMENT**

56693 11-18-81 / U.S. Organization for International Radio Consultative Committee, Study Group 1, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-8-81

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

Coast Guard—

56290 11-16-81 / New York Vessel Traffic Service Advisory Committee, New York, N.Y. (open), 12-9-81

55472 11-9-81 / Towing Safety Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-9 and 12-10-81

Federal Highway Administration—

56294 11-16-81 / Interstate Motor Carrier Study, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-8-81

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—

57955 11-27-81 / Research and Enforcement Programs, Ann Arbor, Mich. (open), 12-9-81

7123 1-22-81 / Safety Standards, International Harmonization, Group of Rapporteurs on Brakes and Running Gear, Tenth Session; Geneva, Switzerland; 12-8 through 12-11-81

Office of the Secretary—

57955 11-27-81 / Minority Business Resource Center Advisory Committee, San Francisco, Calif. (open), 12-14-81

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46463 9-18-81 / Wage Committee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-10-81

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54412 11-2-81 / Levels of Osoyoos Lake, Oroville, Wash. and Osoyoos, British Columbia, 12-8-81

**AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

Agricultural Marketing Service—

56620 11-18-81 / Olives grown in California, Fresno, Calif., 12-8-81

**ENERGY DEPARTMENT**

Conservation and Renewable Energy Office—

55836 11-12-81 / Residential Conservation Service Program, Chicago, Ill., 12-7 and 12-8-81; San Francisco, Calif., 12-10 and 12-11-81

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission—

45624 9-14-81 / Inclusion of construction work in progress in rate base of public utilities, Washington, D.C. 12-7 and 12-8-81

[Rescheduled at 46 FR 49141, 10-6-81]

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

54770 11-4-81 / Phase I Hazardous Waste Management Program, Chicago, Ill., 12-8-81

**INTERIOR DEPARTMENT**

Land Management Bureau—

55425 11-9-81 / Coal Lease in Gunnison County, Colorado, Availability of Environmental Assessment, Paonia, Colo., 12-8-81

55565 11-10-81 / Eastern San Diego County Wilderness Study Areas, La Mesa, Calif., 12-7-81

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau—

55549 11-10-81 / Alcohol labeling and advertising, San Francisco, Calif., 12-10 and 12-11-81

53691 10-30-81 / Shenandoah Valley viticultural area, Jackson, Calif., 12-7 and 12-8-81

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57347 11-23-81 / HHS/NIH—Clinical Cancer Program Project and Cancer Center Support Review Committee, Clinical Cancer Program Project Review Subcommittee, Bethesda, Md. (partially open), 12-14 through 12-16-81

57347 11-23-81 / HHS/NIH—Large Bowel and Pancreatic Cancer Review Committee, Large Bowel Cancer Review Subcommittee, Miami Beach, Fla. (partially open), 12-7-81

57348 11-23-81 / HHS/NIH—National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Research Manpower Review Committee, Bethesda, Md. (partially open), 11-30 and 12-1-81

57377 11-23-81 / NFAH—Humanities Panel, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-11-81

57377 11-23-81 / NFAH—Humanities Panel, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-10 and 12-11-81

57657 11-24-81 / NFAH—Literature Program Panel, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-11 and 12-12-81

57658 11-24-81 / NFAH—Visual Arts Panel (Painting), Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-15 through 12-17-81

57378 11-23-81 / NSF—Mathematical and Computer Sciences Advisory Committee, Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-10 through 12-12-81

57377 11-23-81 / NSF—Materials Research Advisory Committee. Executive Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-10 and 12-11-81

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57980 11-27-81 / USDA/FNS/Child Care Food Program; comments by 1-26-82; provisions of various sections effective 9-1-81, 10-1-81, 1-1-82

58006 11-27-81 / USDA/FNS/Child Care Food Program; Eligibility of Proprietory Title XX centers; effective 10-1-81

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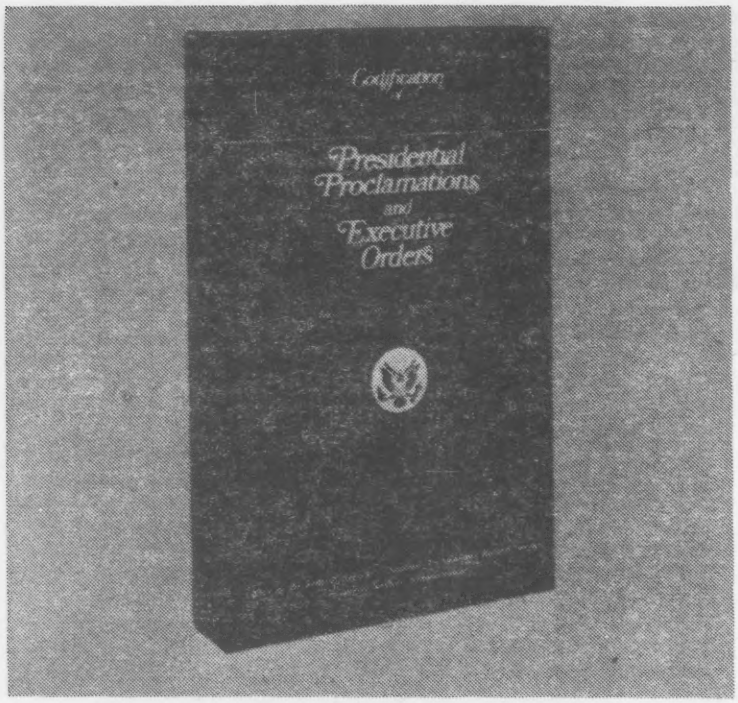


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